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I just wanted to voice my opinion on the settlement. Microsoft needs to be broken up, into at least two separate entities, but three would be better. One needs to be the OS part, one the office/productivity part, and a third part encompassing Internet Explorer and it's new .Net software. Microsoft has continued its monopolistic practices with its new .Net initiative, as it will not cooperate with the rest of the industry's liberty alliance and j2ee systems. They continue to use the os to leverage this new technology, as they were doing when with IE when the complaint was first filed. I am very dissapointed the justice department decided to drop the case, even though it might show a sign of cooperation between MS and the government over security issues. Microsoft is continuing their monopolistic practices worse than when the case started and will need to be broken up eventually. I hope the nine remaining states or the EU can have some effect.